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Applicant: David J. CHAIKO

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ X ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

[ X ] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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Independents:	3	-	3	= 0 x \$86.00 =	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

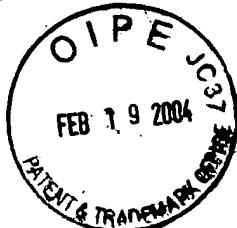
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Dear Examiner:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this document.